

REMARKS

The last Office Action of September 2, 2010 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 18, 20 and 22 have been amended. Claims 23-25 have been canceled. No claims have been added. A total of 22 claims is now on file. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's assessment of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in his preliminary remarks.

It is noted that claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Publication No.2001/003467 to Daprich ("Daprich").

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1-17 are allowed.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 18-22 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has graciously suggested language that would remedy the indefiniteness of claim 22, which language the applicant has now adopted.

In addition, claim 18 was amended in the manner as suggested by the Examiner.

As a result, the rejection of claims 18 to 22, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been overcome.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims 18 to 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is thus respectfully requested.

**REJECTION OF CLAIMS 23-25 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(b) AS BEING
ANTICIPATED BY DAPRICH**

Applicant has cancelled claims 23-25 such that the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is thus respectfully requested.

CITED REFERENCES

Applicant has also carefully scrutinized the further cited prior art and finds it without any relevance to the newly submitted claims. It is thus felt that no specific discussion thereof is necessary.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that when the Examiner reconsiders claims 18-22 in the light of the above amendments, he will agree that claims 18-22 are likewise allowable.


In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all claims on file should be considered definite and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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